

# Ngiti language

The **Ngiti** /əŋˈɡiːti/<sup>[3]</sup> or **South Lendu**, is an ethnolinguistic group located in the Ituri Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Ngiti speakers call their language *Ndruna*. In 1991, the Ngiti numbered 100,000 located in the Irumu territory south of Bunia.<sup>[4]</sup> During the Ituri conflict, the Front for Patriotic Resistance in Ituri was formed as a Ngiti militia group and political party.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Unusual numeral system

Ngiti is reported to have a base-32 number system with base-4 cycles.<sup>[6]</sup> The following is a list of some Ngiti numerals.

| Number | Numeral     |
|--------|-------------|
| 1      | atdí        |
| 2      | ɔɔɔ         |
| 3      | ɛ̃bɥ        |
| 4      | ɛ̃fɔ        |
| 8      | àrɛ         |
| 12     | otsi        |
| 16     | ɔpɛ̃        |
| 20     | àbà         |
| 24     | àròtsí      |
| 28     | àdzòro      |
| 32     | wǎdhɛ̃      |
| 64     | ɔɔɔ wǎdhɛ̃  |
| 96     | ɛ̃bɥ wǎdhɛ̃ |
| 128    | ɛ̃fɔ wǎdhɛ̃ |

| Ngiti           |  |
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| South Lendu     |  |
| <i>Ndruna</i>   |  |
| Native to       | Congo (DRC)  |
| Native speakers | (100,000 cited 1991) <sup>[1]</sup>  |
| Language family | <div>Nilo-Saharan?</div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Central Sudanic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eastern <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lendu <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Ngiti</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> </div> |
| Language codes  |  |
| ISO 639-3       | niy  |
| Glottolog       | ngit1239 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/ngit1239</span> ) <sup>[2]</sup>  |

## Notes and references

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